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Poor air quality halts Chinooks game, closes pools

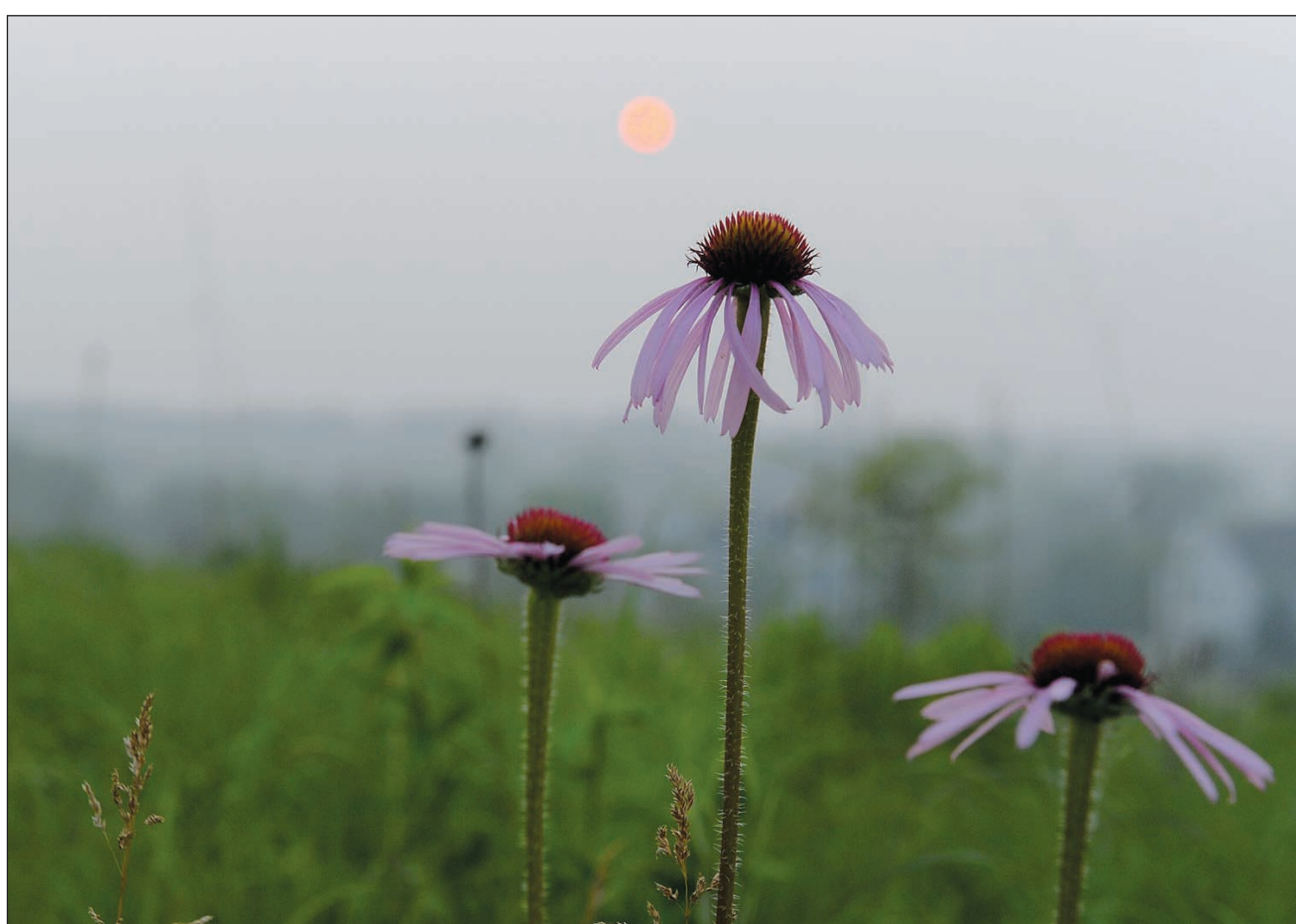


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Smoke from Canadian wildfires, which caused trouble in New York and Philadelphia several weeks ago, has now found its way to the Midwest. Cities like Milwaukee and Chicago had some of the worst air quality in the world this week. A dense smoke advisory was issued from Wisconsin south to Indiana Wednesday and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued an air quality alert until noon today. The Cedarburg and Grafton pools closed Wednesday and will re-assess the air quality today before deciding whether to re-open. Many Parks and Recreation programs were either canceled or moved inside. The Lakeshore Chinooks on Tuesday canceled that evening's game against the Rockford Rivets.

Mueller named next Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce executive director
King to retire after 20 years with the organization

GRAFTON — The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced Tuesday the appointment of current Special Events-Tourism Promotion Coordinator Elizabeth Mueller as executive director. The move will be effective in late September.



Mueller

Mueller will succeed Pam King, who has been with the chamber for over 20 years. King announced her retirement at the Chamber's Annual State of the Community Luncheon in January.

The board's action comes with the fullest support and confidence that Mueller will continue to be an excellent steward of the

Chamber's mission and a leader and advocate for the community, according to a Chamber press release.

"The board recognizes that Mueller is a leader who, with her experience, is the right person to pursue its members' interests and support community initiatives," according to the press release.

Mueller has served the Chamber and Celebrate Grafton for the past year as the special events-tourism promotion coordinator.

She planned and coordinated events such as Giro d' Grafton, Holiday Independence Day Celebration and Fall into Grafton; managed the development and promotion of tourism marketing campaigns; represented the Chamber at various meetings; and helped on key marketing initiatives

important to the members of the Chamber and residents of Grafton.

"The Chamber is a leading advocate for the Grafton business community, and I am honored to be named the executive director," Mueller said. "The Chamber will continue to play a unique and vital role in the promotion of a positive image for our community and advocacy for our membership. I will continue to lead the Chamber in engaging the community, our membership, local government leadership and critical community partners to fully realize our shared vision for a prosperous Grafton Community."

'Saving lives and fixing streets'

New shared revenue cash infusion will allow municipalities to meet more needs

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Inside

The candidates for the State Assembly District 24 special election weigh in on the shared revenue bill, possibly funding for American Family field. **See page 7A**

OZAUKEE COUNTY — More full-time emergency responders and improved roads are among the important needs that local leaders say can be addressed thanks to extra funds coming from the state.

A shared revenue bill passed by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Tony Evers earlier this month has meant nearly \$250 million more in additional state aid for towns, villages, cities and counties around the state.

In Ozaukee County, the combined supplemental aid tops \$3 million.

State Sen. Duey Stroebel, R-Cedarburg, said the old formula under which revenue was shared was not very equitable. The new law makes the distribution of funds more fair across the board, both in the one-time supplemental funding and future state aid payments.

Known as 2023 Wisconsin Act 12, the law provides \$300 million more in one-time grants for service

consolidation, increases police training and EMS funding, among other things.

The bill makes several revisions to EMS licensing regulations that have the general effect of reducing regulatory burdens/costs for EMS services. In addition, local governments would not be able to prohibit police, fire or EMS employees from being employed by or volunteering for another jurisdiction at the same time.

This is the same law that allows the city of Milwaukee to increase its local sales tax by 2%, if approved by 2/3rds of the Common Council and Milwaukee County to increase the sales tax by 0.4% with a vote of 2/3rds

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No Tuesday paper

Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be no Tuesday, July 4 News Graphic. We will resume our normal publication schedule on Thursday, July 6.

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

Summer Sounds: The Soul Rebels with DJ Bizzon, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Cedar Creek Park, N52W5882 Portland Road, Cedarburg.

Port Washington Outdoor Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Main St., Port Washington. Fresh produce, plants, foods, sundries, art and live entertainment.

Family Fun Before the Fourth, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Village Park, 250 Elm St., Thiensville. Enjoy live music, parade, food, drink, fireworks, Badgerland Water Ski Show and more.

Holiday, 4 p.m. Saturday, downtown Grafton. Enjoy a parade at 4 p.m. followed by a party at Lime Kiln Park. Fireworks at dusk.

Independence Day Celebration, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Slinger Speedway, 280 Cedar Creek Road, Slinger. Gates open at 5 p.m. Divisions include Elite 8 Super Late Models, Pro Late Models, Slinger Bees and more. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$12 for seniors age 62 or older and students age 12-17, \$5 for children age 6-11 and free for children 5 and under.

Rotary Music Festival, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Cedarburg High School Athletic Field, W68N611 Evergreen Blvd., Cedarburg. Enjoy drum and bugle corps from Blue Stars, Madison Scouts, Colt Cadets, Phantom Regiment, Cavaliers and Troopers. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$45 and can be ordered at dctickets.showare.com or at the gate.

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